

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

Under 35 USC 111(a) and Rule 53(b)

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

WITH SIGNED DECLARATION

NONPROVISIONAL  
NON REISSUE  
NON PCT NAT PHASE

PATENT APPLICATION



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Sir:

Herewith is the PATENT APPLICATION of  
Inventor(s): Hirahara et al.

Title SYSTEM, APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FOOD  
MANAGEMENT AND PROCESSING

Atty. Dkt.: P 282826  
M#

F01P3005  
Client Ref

including:

Date: August 14, 2001

1. Specification: 34 pages (only spec. and claims) 2. ☐ Specification in non-English language  
3. Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Facsimile/Copy ☒ Abstract 1 page(s); 44 numbered claims  
4. ☒ Drawings: 7 sheet(s) ☐ informal; ☒ formal of size: ☒ A4 ☐ 11"  
5. ☐ See top first page re prior Provisional, National or International application(s). ("X" box only if info is there and do not complete item 6 or 7). (Prior M# SN )  
6. This application claims benefit of the following prior US application(s), the contents of which are incorporated into this application by this reference:

No. / filed  
No. / filed  
No. / filed  
No. PCT/US / filed

, Which designated the US and that International Application ☐ was ☐ was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in English

7. ☐ See the attached Preliminary Amendment, which amends the specification to claim benefit of the above listed US application(s)

8. ☒ Attached is an assignment and cover sheet. Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.

9. ☐ Assignee (optional):

Address

10. FOREIGN priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in Japan

11. (country)

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1) 2000-250999	August 22, 2000	(2)	
(3)		(4)	
(5)		(6)	
(7)		(8)	
(9)		<input type="checkbox"/> See 3 <sup>rd</sup> page for additional priorities	

12. 1 (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☒ attached; ☐ previously filed (date) filed on  
in U.S. Application No. /  
13. Small entity status ☒ is not claimed; ☐ is claimed (Pre-filing confirmation required)  
13(a). ☐ Attached: (No.) Small Entity Statement(s) (since 9/8/00 small entity statement(s) not essential to make claim)  
13(b). ☐ See NONPUBLICATION REQUEST under Rule 213(a) attached (Pat-258)

14. DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

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(2)		(5)	
(3)		(6)	

15. ☐ This application is being filed under Rule 53(b)(2) since an inventor is named in the enclosed Declaration who was not named in the prior application.

16. ☐ Attached:

17. ☐ Preliminary Amendment:

**THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY ABOVE CANCELLED**

				Large/Small Entity		Fee Code
18. Basic Filing Fee				\$710/\$355	\$710	101/201
19. Total Effective Claims	44	minus 20 =	*24	x \$18/\$9 =	+ 432	103/203
20. Independent Claims	12	minus 3 =	*9	x \$80/\$40 =	+ 720	102/202
*If answer is zero or less, enter "0"						
21. If any proper multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present, add (Leave this line blank if this is a reissue application)				+ \$270/\$135	+ 0	104/204
22.	<b>TOTAL FILING FEE ENCLOSED =</b>				<b>\$1862</b>	
23. If "non-English" box 2 is X'd, add Rule 17(k) processing fee				+ \$130	+ 0	139
24. If "assignment" box 8 is X'd, add recording fee				+ \$40	+ 40	581
25. <input type="checkbox"/> Attached is a Petition/Fee under Rule No.				+ \$130	+ 0	122
26.	<b>TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =</b>				<b>\$1902</b>	

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**This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal form is filed.**

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